के विस्तार को ही मंजूरी दी है। नालको की बाक्साइट खानों की वर्तमान क्षमता 2.4 मिलियन टन प्रतिवर्ष से बढ़ाकर 4.8 मिलियन टन प्रतिवर्ष की जा रही है। इस पर 120.59 करोड़ रु० (जून 1996 के मूल्य स्तर पर) की लागत आएगी। इस परियोजना को सरकारी मंजूरी की तारीख अर्थात् 18.12.1996 से 51 माह में पूरा किया जाना है। यह परियोजना कम्पनी द्वारा क्रियान्वित की जा रही है तथा निर्धारित समय सारणी के अनुसार प्रगति कर रही है।

(ख) और (ग) अभी तक इस परियोजना पर अतिरिक्त समय या लागत नहीं लगी है।

(घ) भाग (ख) और (ग) के उत्तर को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Deletion of Limestone Bauxite from the List of Schedule Minerals

1292. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of MINES be please to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government for deletion of limestone and bauxite from the list of schedule minerals as shown in schedule-I of Mines and Minerals Regulation Development Act, 1957;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The proposal for deletion of Limestone and Bauxite from Schedule I of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957, has been considered by the Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Mines) with the Secretaries of some of the State Governments including the Government of Gujarat, Secretary General, Federation of Indian Mineral Industries, Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines etc. as members. The terms of reference of the Committee, inter-alia, included review of the existing laws and procedures governing regulation and development of minerals and to recommend steps to make them compatible with the policy changes and to suggest steps to reduce delays in grant/ renewal of Prospecting Licences/Mining Leases. The Committee was also to consider and suggest further delegation of powers to the State Governments regarding grant/renewal of prospecting Licences/Mining leases and measures to be taken to prevent illegal mining. The Committee has since submitted its report on which necessary action has already been initiated.

Atrocities Against Women

1293. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that atrocities against women are increasing in the country;

(b) the number of cases for the last three years and State-wise details;

(c) the steps taken to reduce such cases and prevent atrocities against women in the country; and

(d) whether the State Governments are not taking enough steps to prosecute the offenders and the cases of prosecution reduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Reservation for OBCs in Educational Institutions

1294. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a provision for reservation in

educational institutions including medical and professional for the OBCs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal for providing 27% reservation to OBCs in the Educational Institutions including medical and professional institutions is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Question does not arise.

Workshop on 'Child Abuse'

1295. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Workshop on "Child Abuse—a growing menace" was organised by the Indian Medical Association in New Delhi, on April 14, 1998;

(b) if so, the main observations and suggestions made at the workshop; and

(c) what further steps have been and are being taken to curb the menace, including prostitution of girl child and their sexual abuse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) the information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Artificial Limbs by NGOs

1296. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether providing artificial limbs to the handicapped has become a big business for voluntary organisations and a substantial portion of Rs. 130 crores disbursed as aid to such NGOs by his Ministry is used by them either to pay salaries or increase capital assets, though many of NGOs are profit earning;

(b) if so, the reasons for the failure of Government agencies or officials to detect such irregularities; and

(c) the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances is aimed to assist needy physically handicapped persons in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured modern, standard aids and appliances that can promote their physical social and psychological rehabilitation. Money under the Scheme is released to implementing agencies who fulfill the requirements of the scheme, including the requisite recommendation of the concerned State Govts., for the purposes approved under the scheme.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Promotion of Girls' Education in Scheduled Areas

1297. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be please to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any special scheme for the promotion of girls' education in the country particularly in the scheduled areas;

(b) if so, since when and the details of such special programmes;

(c) whether residential schools have been set up and drop out rate has been checked with the implementation of such schemes; and

(d) if so, to what extent since the inception of such special schemes or programmes?